

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 18, paragraph 1, starting on line 3, please change to read as follows:

Namely, the first network I/F section 23 can send the same AV data in either of two different qualities, i.e., quality "1" or quality "2". For example, when the network band to the receiving terminal 3 is narrowed as the load of the TCP/IP network I/F 4 increases, the first network I/F section 23 can send AV data in quality "2" instead of quality "1" in which the same AV data was initially intended to be sent.

At page 18, paragraph 3, starting on line 21, please change to read as follows:

In the meantime, the resending data accumulating section (sending data accumulating section) 24 accumulates the sending data of quality "1", which is obtained by encoding with the encoding section 21, in parallel to sending to the TCP/IP network 4. The resending data accumulating section 24 is in the form of HDD or a recording medium, such as RAM or MO [[MOS]] (magneto-optical disc).

At page 24, paragraph 1, starting on line 4, please change to read as follows:

When the second network I/F section 31 has received the AV data sent from the sending terminal 2 (steps A5, A7, A9), the receiving terminal 3 outputs the received data to both the decoding section 32 and the received-data quality discriminating section 33 [[32]]. The decoding section 32 decodes the received data, which has been input from the second network I/F section 31, into video signals and voice signals to output these signals to a display unit and a speaker.

At page 24, paragraph 2, starting on line 12, please change to read as follows:

In the meantime, the received-data quality discriminating section 33 [[32]] discriminates whether or not the received data satisfies the accumulating quality (quality "1") set in the receiving terminal 3; if the result of discrimination is positive, the received-data quality discriminating section 33 [[32]] outputs the received data to the received-data accumulation control section 34 to cause the received-data accumulating section 35 to accumulate. Thus, at the receiving terminal 3, real-time reproduction and accumulation of AV data are performed concurrently (in parallel).

At page 26, last paragraph, starting on line 23, please change to read as follows:

And at the receiving terminal 3, upon receipt of ~~the AV~~ the AV data resent in quality "1" (step A21), the AV data is accumulated in the received-data accumulating section 35 under the control of the received-data accumulation control section 34.

At page 35, paragraph 3, starting on line 16, please change to read as follows:

In the description, "an error of received data" to be detected by the received-data error detecting section 63 means an error of an upper ~~level~~ level (related with packet contents) as to whether or not continuity of AV data sent in packet is lost; a received-data error at a packet-sending-protocol level, such as UDP to be controlled in existing resending is detected/removed by the network I/F section 61.

At page 39, last paragraph, starting on line 23, please change to read as follows:

Further, since sending an alternative-data sending request from the receiving terminal 6 to

the sending terminal 5 is carried out under such a condition that the rate of occurrence of errors in the received data of a particular constant period of time is equal to or less than a predetermined value, it is possible to surely make the sending request to the sending terminal 5. On the other hand, since sending alternative data from the sending terminal [[2]] 5 to the receiving terminal [[3]] 6 is carried out under such a condition that the sending delay amount between the sending terminal [[2]] 5 and the receiving terminal [[3]] 6 is equal to or less than a predetermined value, it is possible to minimize influence of the sending of alternative data on real-time reproduction at the receiving terminal 6.